

Buckminster: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

1724 October 28 (Wednesday). This was truly the Greatest Day I ever Yet Saw -- The Day of my Solemn Separation to the Work of the Gospel Ministry and my Ordination to the Pastorate in Westborough.... N.B. Reverend Mr. Swift was Sent to, but he was detain'd by Sickness in his Family. Nevertheless the Church sent two Delegates, viz. Colonel Buckminster and Captain Goddard.

1728 September 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Weld rode with me to Framingham, expecting an Association.... Mr. Cushing was thus disappointed with us, and we rode away to Colonel Buckminsters and lodged there.

1728 September 4 (Wednesday). This morning after breakfast we rode from Colonel Buckminsters to Marlborough and din'd at Mr. Woods.

1736 June 11 (Friday). I was at Madam Brecks Funeral. As I was going came in Mr. Baxter, of Medfield, Mr. Peabody, and Capt. Buckminster from the Ordination of Mr. Bridgham of Brimfield.

1739 July 4 (Wednesday). N.B. A Most agreeable Century Oration by the President.¹ N.B. Mr. Worthington² of Seabury and Mr. Parsons³ of Lyme in Connecticut at our Commencement. I was chiefly entertain'd at Sir Buckminsters.⁴

1739 July 5 (Thursday). I was at College the forepart of the Day and din'd at Sir Buckminsters, but went to Boston p.m.

1742 April 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Buckminster*, the probationer, accompanied us down the Road.

1742 June 15 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. Lorings of Sudbury, where the Association met. There were Mr. J. Prentice, Mr. Cushing, Mr. N. Stone and Mr. Buckminster. Mr. Buckminster offered himself to be Examined. He was So: and he delivered a sermon on Luke 10.41.42.

1742 June 16 (Wednesday). Mr. *Buckminster* preached the Public Lecture on Heb. 11.7, which was to tolerable acceptance; and seeing his Deportment, Humility, Serious Bent etc. he was the More endeared to us, and we drew up and signed a Certificat.

1742 September 15 (Wednesday). The Churches that met were the Church in *Weston*, *Shrewsbury*, *Grafton* and *Westborough*. Mr. Williams Moderator of the Council which was

¹Rev. Edward Holyoke, President of Harvard College

²Rev. William Worthington (YC 1716), minister at Westbrook (Saybrook), Conn., 1724-1756. Dexter, 156-58.

³Rev. Jonathan Parsons (YC 1729), minister at Old Lyme, 1729-1745. Dexter, 389-93.

⁴Joseph Buckminster (1720-1792), Harvard 1739, minister at Rutland, Mass., 1752-1792. SHG, 10:348-54.

formed. N.B. we were much impeded by Mr. Buckminster's not having obtained his Dismission from the Church of Framingham. But Considering that it was owing to the providence of God (namely by the Sickness of Rev. Mr. *Swift*) that we were deprived of it, both the Council and the Church were of opinion it was more advisable to proceed without it than to put by the Ordination.

1744 May 18 (Friday). Mr. Buckminster of Rutland⁵ here in his Return home.

1745 June 11 (Tuesday). I rode to Boston by the Way of Captain Barnards⁶ of Marlborough, to Association. The following were present. Messrs. John Prentice,⁷ Loring, Cushing, Cook, Barrett, Stone, Seccomb,⁸ Smith, Goss, Marsh,⁹ Morse, Millen; and Mr. Buckminster was voted in.

1746 May 31 (Saturday). Mr. Rand (now of Kingstown) came and din'd with me. Afterwards came Mr. Buckminster.

1746 June 17 (Tuesday). My Wife and I were purposing to Visit Mr. Martyn and his, but Mr. Buckminster with his spouse came a.m. and din'd with us, but we prosecuted our Design.

1747 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Wife made us a Visit and din'd here; as did Mr. Williams of Weston likewise, he being on his Journey from Worcester (where he had preach'd for Mr. Maccarty) to Framingham, to See old Colonel Buckminster who draws near his End.

1747 April 6 (Monday). N.B. Captain William Brintnall here; and informs me that old Colonel Buckminster now lyes Dead.

1747 April 14 (Tuesday). Ministers Meeting had been put by, but I had not receiv'd the Letter, Said to be sent to me. Several ministers there notwithstanding -- Mr. Cushing, Buckminster, and Davis.

1747 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Smith came this way in going to Shrewsbury, where the Association met this Day... N.B. a long and warm disputation with Mr. Buckminster of Rutland, he affirming (if I could understand him) that men who are of Shining powers and Advantages, and that are in a Natural State, do not contract Guilt according to the Talents they are entrusted with and their abuse of them. N.B. This Debate arose from some passages which Mr. Seccomb had inserted from Cruttenden concerning John Taylor's Book of Original Sin. N.B. Most sorrowful News from Brookfield, Captain Buckminsters Negro Girl having murder'd her Bastard Child last Lords Day. N.B. Lodg'd at Mr. Cushings.

⁵Rev. Joseph Buckminster (HC 1739) had settled in Rutland, September 1742. *SHG10:348-354*.

⁶Robert Barnard was a miller and tavern keeper. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 313.

⁷Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster.

⁸Rev. John Seccomb of Harvard.

⁹Thomas Marsh of Mansfield, Conn.

1747 May 11 (Monday). P.M. Training.... After which we went down to Captain Maynards -- where was (among others) Captain Buckminster of Brookfield.

1747 September 12 (Saturday). Mr. Buckminster here and tells me his mother dy'd last night.

1747 September 14 (Monday). Mr. Buckminster din'd here.

1748 April 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman (having lodged here) rode with me to the Ministers Meeting at Marlborough early in the Morning.... At Eve a most unhappy occurrence! It was this, Mr. Jenison had sent a letter to Mr. Smith to be communicated to the association, and he came himself. As the Moderator (Mr. Loring) began to read the letter, came in his son Jonathan. Mr. Buckminster, perceiving that there was in the room one who did not belong to the association (viz. said Mr. Jonathan Loring) and knowing our practice not to read letters or transact association business while any stranger was present, stepped up to the Moderator and put the question to him, whether it was fit to go on till his son was retired. Mr. Jonathan Loring, mistaking him and not knowing our custom, flew into a sudden and violent passion with him -- reproached him bitterly. Mr. Davis offered to speak -- Mr. Loring fell upon him also. Insulted the whole association at very intolerable Rate, nor did his own worthy and venerable father escape, who could do nothing to Effect in stilling him. But we saw how grievous and wounding it was to the good man, and for his sake we could not but forebear the Resentment which Jonathan deserved. We hardly ever saw such an Evening, any of us in all our lives.

1748 May 23 (Monday). Mr. Buckminster here p.m.

1748 May 24 (Tuesday). Call'd at Captain Buckminsters in Framingham.

1748 August 29 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Buckminster, his wife and child -- and lodged here....

1748 August 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Buckminster to Framingham.

1748 September 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Buckminster and wife here in Lecture Time.

1748 October 20 (Thursday). Din'd at Dr. Sewals: who shew'd me Mr. Moorheads Letter in Defence of himself against Mr. Buckminster.

1748 October 24 (Monday). Mr. Graves Messenger from the Church of Southborough here without Mr. Stone, his eldest son being ill of the Throat Distemper. Captain Baker and Ensign Miller came (as Delegates of our Church) and we went to Rutland. On the way din'd at Mr. Cushings, and stopp'd again at Captain Biglo's. Got up in Comfort and lodg'd at Mr. Buckminsters. The Council was call'd on account of uneasiness and irregularitys among some of the Brethren, particularly Messrs. Samuel Stone, and Simon Davis. John Stone also and Jones were join'd therein; and on account of the Conduct of a Number of Ireland people who were members of the Church in Rutland; but without Dismission or acquainting the Church with it,

drew off and join'd with others who Sett up another Assembly in the Town by the assistance of Mr. Moorhead.

1748 October 25 (Tuesday). The Council was form'd. I was their unwritten Moderator. Mr. Hall of Sutton was Clerk. We went to the Meeting House a.m. I opened the Meeting with prayer. We read the Paper of Grounds of uneasiness which Samuel Stone had exhibited to the Church some time ago. Great Debate whether that Paper should be the beginning of our Business in Hearing. Mr. Buckminster chiefly took up the Time. Mr. Williams of Weston pray'd when we broke up this session at Night.

1748 October 26 (Wednesday). Mr. Campbell pray'd at the opening the forenoon session. Mr. Samuel Stone chiefly this forenoon, with his Friends. We were again in hearing p.m. giving fair opportunity to the Irish etc. to answer if they pleas'd. Evening Mr. Hall pray'd, when we had adjourn'd to Mr. Buckminsters where we sat again the Same Night till very late -- Reading over, debating and Voting -- and appointing a Committee to draw up a Result. The Committee were the Reverend Messrs. Williams, Hall and Eaton.

1748 October 27 (Thursday). We were not ready with the Result till late p.m., for another Affair arose before us -- viz. a Quarrell between Captain Edward Rice and Deacon Eleazer Ball. A Number of the Council went to the Meeting House to assist the Church in reconciling those Brethren -- but in Vain. At Evening about Sunsett we went to the Meeting House and publish'd our Result partly by Daylight and partly by Candle. N.B. Captain Baker and Ensign Miller were dismiss'd to go home. The Church voted Acceptance of the Result. The Stones thank'd us for our Pains and promis'd to Consider of what was done, and in the Mean Time to return to Mr. Buckminster's administrations. But this was not the Conduct of the Irish. We were late up with the Affair of the Captain and the Deacon.

1748 October 28 (Friday). And Next Morning but without Effect though we sat upon it p.m. also; and till toward Night. The Council appointed a Committee to hear it, viz. Mr. Campbell and myself, with Colonel Larnard, Mr. Brown of Leicester, and Esquire Baker, and then we adjourn'd without Day. It was so late and Misty that Mr. Buckminster and others from Time to Time earnestly requesting it, I stay'd; and Mr. Williams and I visited Mr. Frink in the Evening.

1748 October 29 (Saturday). But Mr. Buckminster went to Westborough and both Mr. Williams and I stay'd at Rutland.

1748 October 30 (Sunday). I preach'd at Rutland a.m. on 2 Cor. 3.14.15. Mr. Williams p.m. on Phil. 1.9.10.11. Mr. Buckminster at Westborough on [blank]. Sundry people came to Mr. Buckminster at Eve. Mr. Frink, Captain Howard etc.

1748 November 19 (Saturday). At Eve came Mr. Bridge of Framingham. Mr. Buckminster is to preach for him.

1748 November 21 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Buckminster here.

1749 February 15 (Wednesday). In the Morning came Mr. Buckminster and Mr. Maccarty. The Public Exercises of the Fast were carry'd on thus, Mr. Davis began with prayer. I preach'd on Rev. 6.8. Mr. Buckminster pray'd after sermon. P.M. Mr. Maccarty pray'd, Mr. Cushing preach'd on [blank] and I concluded. Mr. Cushing and I lodg'd at Mr. Davis's.

1749 July 8 (Saturday). N.B. A Letter from Mr. Buckminster of Rutland giving my Information of Dinah Downing.

1749 July 15 (Saturday). I broke fast at Mrs. Keggells, where was Mr. Edward Bass. I consulted Dr. Davis who has the Care of Molly. I thereupon ventur'd to return when I had Seen, examin'd and encourag'd her what I could: refresh'd at Mr. Hastings's and Captain Tainters -- also at Colonel Buckminsters....

1749 August 16 (Wednesday). Association Fast here. I pray'd in the forenoon and Mr. Maccarty preach'd on Ps. 119.126. P.M. Mr. Buckminster pray'd and Mr. Barrett preach'd on Mal. 4.2. Those who came were Messrs. Loring, Cushing, Barrett, Martyn, Stone, Smith, Buckminster, Maccarty, Mellen, Hutchinson.

1749 October 4 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Buckminster of Rutland had mistaken the Time of my going up there and therefore appointed a Church Meeting there at 9 a.m. whereas I had appointed to be there in the afternoon and had writ so to Mr. Campbell and the rest of the Committee. Accordingly having din'd at Mr. Davis's, p.m. I rode up to Rutland. Lieutenant Brown of Leicester was there, and Deacon Davis of Oxford (instead of Colonel Larnard) came before Night. We went to the meeting house this Evening. Mr. Buckminster pray'd and though Captain Rice was much against submitting his Case to our Cognizance, yet the Church and Deacon Ball requesting it we adjourn'd to tomorrow morning and Mr. Cambell and I lodg'd at Mr. Buckminsters.

1749 October 5 (Thursday). Met at the Meeting House, both the Church and Committee of the Council and found Captain Rice willing to submit their Controversie to us -- adding Deacon Davis to us instead of Colonel Larnard -- but N.B. Esq. Baker did not come at all. P.M. carry'd on the Hearing again. N.B. Captain Rice and the Church were reconcil'd to Day. At Night the Committee were at Mr. Buckminsters reviewing and debating, till late.

1749 October 6 (Friday). Deacon Ball came to us early to see whether his Wife, who had been distress'd all Night might not come to us and declare her Mind. We consented but Captain Rice must be present. He was therefore sent for, came and we labour'd with them all, after which drew up our Report and advice, and did our utmost to reconcile 'em. But now the Tables were turn'd; our Difficulty was with Captain Rice no longer, or with his son (John). Deacon Ball was the person that now appear'd inexorable, and not to be satisfy'd with our Judgement and award. The Church who had met in the forenoon, and again in the p.m. were call'd together after sun setting and we went into the Meeting House, read what we determin'd -- and Captain Rice and his son accepted it; and the Church by their Vote also approv'd of it, but Deacon Ball

stood out to the last. Mr. Campbell pray'd and we broke up; our Hearts griev'd that we are forc'd to leave any Remains of the Contention. But blessed be God for any Measure of Success! Very Cold Nights one after another. We lodge still at Mr. Buckminsters.

1750 March 26 (Monday). Mr. Buckminster of Rutland here. Their Divisions, especially Captain Rice and Deacon Ball's Still continue.

1750 June 6 (Wednesday). My Wife, Mr. Haven, Son Ebenezer and Two Daughters Molly and Lucy rode in the Rain, in Company with Mr. Martyn, his wife and Daughter, to Grafton to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Hutchinson.... The Right Hand I deliver'd was much the same with that which I prepar'd for and gave at Mr. Buckminsters Ordination at Rutland.

1750 June 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Haven and I rode over to Mr. Martyns it being Association Fast there. But a few Members came, viz. Mr. Cushing, Mr. Goss, Buckminster and Maccarty. Afterwards for the last service came Mr. Barrett -- and when we came home at Eve Mr. Seccomb. As to the Exercises, Mr. Martyn pray'd and Mr. Buckminster preach'd on Rev. 2.3.4.

1750 July 6 (Friday). We din'd at Judge Doodles, baited at old Mr. Livermores in Weston, called at Colonel Buckminsters at Framingham and lodg'd at Mr. Joseph Havens.

1750 November 8 (Thursday). N.B. Revd. Mr. Curtis (who marry'd a Bass) having attempted to go to Poquoag Ordination but without Success, call'd here in his way to his aunt Buckminsters at Framingham.

1751 March 25 (Monday). Undertook a Journey to Boston. Din'd at Mr. Stone's at Southborough. Call'd at Colonel Buckminsters at Framingham, but Mrs. Buckminster not at home.

1751 March 31 (Sunday). Preach'd at Framingham a.m. on Prov. 14.9.

1751 April 1 (Monday). Breakfast at Colonel Buckminsters.

1752 April 14 (Tuesday). I had word from Deacon Newtons that he was worse. Mr. Maccarty, and afterwards Messrs. Cushing, Martyn and Buckminster rode to Ministers Meeting at Hopkinton but I was oblig'd to stay and visit Deacon Newton, but he not being (as I conceive) altogether so bad as others apprehended, I rode to Hopkinton where I was through the Day and over Night.

1752 June 5 (Friday). I preach'd to Lieutenant Forbush on Mat. 24.44, which may God please to Bless to us all! N.B. I din'd with Mr. Harding at Captain Buckminsters -- return'd at Evening with Captain Witt and his wife to their House and lodged there.

1753 January 13 (Saturday). About Sun setting Lieutenant Tainter and my Wife arriv'd in Safety. D.G. They lodg'd at Captain Tainters at Watertown the first Night -- she lodg'd at Brother

Samuels at Boston the Second, and at Brother Harringtons at Watertown the last -- they din'd at Colonel Buckminsters to Day, and in general have had prosperous Journey.

1754 January 23 (Wednesday). In the Eve the Mare I rode, Stray'd away from Colonel Buckminsters where we turn'd in to warm us, and drew up some account of Mr. Goddards Death; which was committed to Mr. Bliss to carry Mr. Kneeland at Boston to publish. I lodg'd at the Colonel's.

1754 February 19 (Tuesday). They undertake, a.m. But p.m. was the most violent Storm of Wind and Rain, So that I was exceedingly concern'd about 'em. But they (as I heard afterwards) got safely to Colonel Buckminsters and lodg'd there.

1754 April 16 (Tuesday). Rode to Shrewsbury Ministers Meeting at Mr. Cushings. Mr. Stone, Morse, Mccarty, Buckminster, and Davis there. Mr. Buckminster the Concio on 2 Cor. 2.15.16.

1754 June 1 (Saturday). I din'd there, and hastened to Colonel Buckminster's. From whence Dr. Wilson of Sherbourn rode with me some.... Arriv'd in Safety and found my Family well.

1755 May 5 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Forbush and I rode to Esquire Fosters and to Mr. Henry Dwights -- and Captain Buckminsters.

1755 July 15 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode to Boston. Call'd at Mr. Stone's, who was gone. We din'd at Colonel Buckminsters. N.B. Mr. Barrett of Hopkinton with us.

1755 September 6 (Saturday). At Eve Mr. Stone came here, Mr. Buckminster being to preach for him.

1755 September 7 (Sunday). I rode to Mr. Martyns, leaving Mr. Stone to preach for me. Mr. Martyn was gone to Mr. Morse's, Mr. Morse to Mr. Davis, and Mr. Davis to Rutland for Mr. Buckminster.

1756 September 6 (Monday). My Kinsman *Winter* in his Journey from *Middleton* in Connecticut, home; called here: he had in Company, one Mr. *Wiswall*, and Mr. *John Sweetzer* junior and his Wife. They were not perswaded to tarry all night but pursued their Course to Coll. Buckminster's.

1757 December 10 (Saturday). Dined at Mr. Samuel Baldwins at Westown about 2 p.m. Oated at Coll. Buckminsters. Called at Mr. Stones in Southborough. Got home about 6 in the Evening....

1757 December 26 (Monday). Set out for Boston -- the Morning Cold, the Road in lower Towns very icy. Called at Mr. Stones in Southborough, at Coll. Buckminsters in Framingham (before Noon), at Mr. Samuel Baldwins.

1757 December 31 (Saturday). Set out in the Morning, upon my Journey home.... It rained at times most of the Day, especially when I was at *Weston* where I called at Livermore's. I dined at Coll. *Buckminsters*.

1758 February 10 (Friday). Master Billy Buckminster, his Sister *Fanny* and Miss Patty Rice of Framingham here.

1758 April 18 (Tuesday). We [son Baldwin] ride down the Road together till I turn to Marlborough where is the Ministers Meeting to Day. Present Messrs. *Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Buckminster, and Davis*. Mr. *Davis's* Concio, a good, serious Discourse.

1758 May 9 (Tuesday). Very hot in returning back -- found here two agreeable Friends, viz. Mrs. *Dench* and Mrs. *Buckminster* who came from Framingham and dined here. P.M. they visited Capt. *Wood*, and my Wife and I waited on them and drank Tea there. They lodged here.

1758 May 10 (Wednesday). Ensign Harrington, Mr. Zebulon Rice, and Mr. Tainter with their Cattle and Hay to keep them and with Mr. Williams's and Capt. *Woods* Oxen (twelve, including my Sons) and Deacon Tainters plough broke up Some mossy and wild Grass Ground on the North East End of the Island next to Capt. Maynards Land. They dined here, with Mrs. *Dench* and *Buckminster*, but these last p.m. returned to Framingham.

1758 May 17 (Wednesday). N.B. This Day was Fast at Shrewsbury, appointed by the Association and Mr. Martyn preached a.m. Mr. Buckminster p.m. but I conceived it my Duty to go to *Leominster* if the Fast would be tomorrow there; which I could not know without going to Lancaster; for I knew also sufficient Assistance was gone to Mr. Cushing.

1758 June 20 (Tuesday). It is the Time of Ministers Meeting at Rutland but I could not attend till I had Solemnized the Marriage of Mr. Solomon Baker to Miss Sarah Newton: but then (though half after five p.m.), I rode up to Mr. Buckminsters by 1/4 after nine. I did not stop to bait till I got to Capt. Hubbards in Holden. Lodged at Mr. Buckminsters -- there being besides at this Meeting, Messrs. Cushing, Frink, Stone, Smith, Morse and Davis.

1758 June 21 (Wednesday). Fast at Rutland. A.M. Mr. Morse prayed and Mr. Smith preached. Text Deut. 4.30.31. P.M. I prayed and Mr. Stone preached. Text Deut. 7.10. At Eve a violent Tempest of Wind, Rain, Thunder and Lightning. Mr. Frink, Mr. Smith and I lodged at Mr. Buckminsters. N.B. It was very much my Grief that the Conversation among the Ministers was So much on the Convention, and the Altercations that arose from thence -- and was not Such as would tend to Solemnize our Spirits, and promote true Repentence and Prayer.

1758 June 22 (Thursday). Mr. Buckminster rode down with us as far as Wor'ster Road.

1758 July 22 (Saturday). We Sat out early upon our Journey.... Stopped a while at Coll. Buckminsters -- but dined at Home.

1758 August 22 (Tuesday). Then proceeded to Ministers meeting at Mr. *Morse's*. Where were Messrs. Cushing, Smith, Buckminster and Davis.

1758 August 23 (Wednesday). At the Public Lecture Mr. Buckminster prayed; I preached on Psal. 4.7.

1758 September 18 (Monday). Towards Eve I rode to Marlborough to See General *Amhirst's* Army of 4500 -- they had pitched their Tents some Time before I got there; but I went to them and walked among them. Lodged at Mr. *Smith's*, as did Mr. *Buckminster*.

1758 September 19 (Tuesday). We rose extreme early, waked by the Officers waiters. Mr. Smith, Buckminster and I, walked to the Camp before the Day broke: tarried and saw them Striking their Tents and Marching.

1759 May 16 (Wednesday). I left them to themselves and went to the Fast which the Association has appointed to be at *Shrewsbury* first parish. Messrs. *Martyn, Stone, Morse, Buckminster, Maccarty* and *Davis* at Mr. *Cushings*. Mr. *Cushing* prayed a.m. Mr. *Davis* preached on Isa. 1.11. P.M. Mr. *Martyn* prayed. I preached from *Josh. 24.15*, first and last Clauses.

1759 May 29 (Tuesday). I sat out upon my Journey. Called at Coll. *Brighams* to Congratulate him and his New Wife upon their late marriage. Called also at Coll. *Buckminsters*, where were Rev. Messrs. *Bridgham, Jones, Buckminster* and *Parsons* of *Brookfield*.

1759 June 19 (Tuesday). [Association in *Holden*.] The Ministers there were Messrs. *Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Smith, Buckminster, Morse*. See Association Minutes.

1759 July 16 (Monday). I rose early; Sat out in Mrs. *Nurse's* Chair and the *Baldwin* Horse some time before the Sun. At Mr. *Stone's* just when he rose. Broke Fast at Coll. *Buckminsters*. Baited at Mr. *Ebenezer Hammonds*.

1760 January 7 (Monday). My wife and Billy p.m. Set out for Boston, designing as far as *Framingham* (Coll. *Buckminster*) to night.

1760 June 5 (Thursday). A rainy Day, yet I ventured to ride home. Mr. *Wellman* my Company. We dined at Coll. *Buckminsters*. N.B. My Friend Mrs. *Dench* there. Mr. *Morse*, who had been to see his Brother (who was lately come from Europe, and in a Consumption) dined with us and accompanied us above Mr. *Stones*. I found my Family in Peace....

1760 July 17 (Thursday). N.B. *Bowman* from College, *Deacon Tainter*, and *Jacob Rice* ride with me in Company to Coll. *Buckminsters* where we were all refreshed (on Free Cost). I had a Comfortable Journey home, and found all in peace.

1760 August 12 (Tuesday). A.M. viewed the work at the New Meeting House. Visited Mr. Buckminster. Dined at my son Baldwins, having brought Mr. Buckminster and his Wife with us there. P.M. my son and Daughter in their Chair rode with us through Rutland Woods to Brookfield.

1760 October 31 (Friday). While I was gone, Coll. Buckminster and his Wife here from *Brookfield*.

1761 February 1 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Forb. came from Coll. Buckminsters this Morning having been to Boston. Found his Brother and sister at Cambridge. They lodged at Coll. Buckminsters also. Set out at 11 a.m. from Capt. Forb. (in a Chair from Cambridge) for home. A sad Journey!

1761 May 25 (Monday). Mr. Breck and I set out for Boston.... Overtook Mr. Breck at Coll. Buckminsters about noon. We rode together to Boston.

1764 June 21 (Thursday). Coll. Buckminster and his Lady here and dined with us. They returned to Framingham.

1764 August 29 (Wednesday). P.M. my Wife and I (in Mrs. Nurse's Chair, but my own mare) rode to Framingham.... Arrived at Coll. Buckminsters and lodged there.

1764 August 30 (Thursday). Mr. William Brown waits upon us to his House. Alexander well and contented. We supped and lodged there.

1764 August 31 (Friday). We were agreed about the Binding *Alexander* but have no Blanks, nor Time to write Indentures. Mr. Bridge came there. We returned to Coll. Buckminsters and dined there. Called at Dr. Hemingways and Mr. Stones. Arrived here at Evening

1764 October 26 (Friday). Alexander is bound to Mr. Brown.... Dined at Coll. Buckminsters but Coll. at Boston. Called at Mr. Stone's. At sunsett joyfully found my Family in Peace.

1765 May 20 (Monday). Mrs. P_____ with me, undertook a Journey to Boston. Called at Mr. Gales, Collector, who payd me 80£ old Tenor. Called at Mr. Stones, but dined at Coll. Buckminsters. P.M. reached to Mr. Nathaniel Goddards and drank Tea....

1765 June 1 (Saturday). Left my Beaver Hat (for which I gave a Guinea to Capt. Maynard, Some time agoe) with *Alexander* and took what I had bought for him, home with me. Called at Coll. *Buckminsters*.... We dined at Mr. Stones.

1765 July 3 (Wednesday). Coll. Buckminster in his Way home, called here.

1765 July 15 (Monday). Went to Boston. Sarah rode with me. We had Mr. Wheelocks Chair. Called at Mr. Stones in the Rain. At Coll. Buckminsters who is ill. At Mr. Browns.

1765 July 25 (Thursday). Hear per Mr. John Green that Capt. Buckminster of Brookfield is dead.

1765 September 19 (Thursday). Called at Mr. *Browns* but did not see *Alexander*. Was at Coll. Buckminsters but made no stay.

1766 May 26 (Monday). We undertook our Journey to Boston. By the way visited at Coll. *Buckminsters* where we baited. At Mr. Locks of Sherbourn where we dined.

1766 May 31 (Saturday). Rise early.... Dine at Coll. Buckminsters. Arrive at home....

1766 November 3 (Monday). Mr. Hutchinson and his son, going to Cambridge are with us at Breakfast; as also Mr. Lawson Buckminster.

1767 May 30 (Saturday). Journey home.... Dine at Mr. Browns (Alexander returned home yesterday). At Coll. Buckminsters and at Mr. Stones. Arrive safe and the Family in Peace....

1767 July 17 (Friday). Mr. *Loring* overtook me, and we dined at Mr. *Woodwards*. Called at Mr. *Browns*, Coll. *Buckminsters* etc. Arrived at Eve in safety....

1767 August 4 (Tuesday). After meeting I rode (upon Neighbour Joseph Bonds young Mare) to Coll. Buckminsters at Framingham and lodged there.

1767 August 13 (Thursday). Mr. John Wood my Company in Journeying. We dined at Cuttings. Called at Col. Buckminsters. Got home seasonably.

1767 September 30 (Wednesday). Coll. Buckminster calls at Eve....

1767 November 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore and I rode to Shrewsbury Association Fast for reviving Family Government and Religion. Mr. *Bowman* a.m. on Prov. 22.6, "train up a Child" etc. P.M. Mr. Buckminster prayed and Mr. Conklin preached on Eph. 6.18. Praying always with all Prayer

1768 May 23 (Monday). Mr. Breck and I rode to Boston. We stopped at Col. Buckminsters. Dined at Mr. *Woodwards*.

1768 July 18 (Monday). Dined at Mr. Stones.... I called at Coll. Buckminsters. Proceeded to Mr. *Brown's*, where Alex is at work.

1768 July 23 (Saturday). Call at Coll. *Buckminsters* and Mr. Stones. My Dwelling I find in Peace.

1768 September 5 (Monday). Deacon Bond excused himself from going with me to Mr. Moore's ordination. Neither did Mr. Cushing come; I therefore Sat out alone in my Journey to Rochester.... Called at Coll. Buckminsters and got them to look after and enforce it. Dined at Mr. Locks at Sherbourn.

1768 September 15 (Thursday). Call at Mr. Paysons in Walpole.... Call at Mr. Locks in Sherbourn -- Coll. Buckminsters -- Mr. Stones -- old Madam Thatcher there. Through divine Goodness, arrive safe....

1768 October 5 (Wednesday). Rev. Stiles prayed at opening the Council to day. We go on with the tedious Hearing. Mr. *Buckminster* Seemed to be too much of an Advocate. I gave him Some hint in the Assembly. At Eve he somewhat resented it -- but Mr. *Stiles* gave him to understand that it was the mind of others, which I had delivered. He was afterwards Silent about it: and reformed. He was very instrumental afterwards in accomplishing a Coalition which was (We hope) Successfull.

1768 October 6 (Thursday). Mr. Buckminster prays. We go on for some time -- but a Compromising and Reconcilement was promoted. Dine at Mr. *Twiss's*. P.M. It is effected.

1768 November 22 (Tuesday). Rode to Framingham. Went to Mr. *Browns*; just Saw *Kezia* and She retired, so that I saw her no more. Dined there. Mixed our mournings. He agrees to go this Afternoon to the Town Clerk, Mr. Lawson *Buckminster* and I wrote to him my Sons Desire to be published.

1769 May 29 (Monday). Dined at Mr. *Stones*. Overtook Mr. *Breck* at Coll. *Buckminsters*. Called, but did not light, at Mr. *W. Browns*.

1769 September 14 (Thursday). Called at Mr. *Locks*.... Lodge at Col. *Buckminsters*.

1769 September 15 (Friday). Coll. [Buckminster] lends me Mr. *Bollans* Book on *Continued Corruption* etc....

1769 October 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Moses Nurse* having brought yesterday a Pair of Pigs of the great Sort, from Col. Buckminster, to day Deacon Wood comes and has the Boar. The price of the Pair is 50/ old Tenor.

1770 May 28 (Monday). I Set out with Mr. *Breck* for *Boston*. Call at Mr. *Stones*, who is much indisposed. Called at Coll. *Buckminsters* where we were well refreshed.... Arrived at Boston some time before sunsetting.

1771 May 28 (Tuesday). I rode to Waltham. In my way called at Coll. *Buckminster* and dined.

1771 September 20 (Friday). Then Col. *Buckminster* and his Wife came to see us, and though late dined here. These last and Mrs. P_____ went up to Deacon Woods. I went up at sun setting and drank Tea there. Coll. etc. lodged here.

1771 November 30 (Saturday). As to Mrs. P_____ I gave up expecting her, and set my Mind to prepare to do without her.... But, unlooked for, Mr. *Parker* and she came; and got here

before Night.... They had Coll. *Buckminsters* Chaise from *Framingham* to *Boston*, and in returning got as far as *Brewsters, Waltham* to lodge, and this morn to Coll. *Buckminsters* to *Break fast*. D.G.

1772 July 14 (Tuesday). Sat out early for Cambridge. Breakfast at Coll. *Buckminsters*. Am informed that Miss Henrietta Overing at Dr. Wilsons, Hopkinton, was lately married to Mr. [blank] Jones and is brought to bed of 2 Children.¹⁰ Called at Deacon Browns.

1773 July 5 (Monday). At 2 1/2 p.m. Sat out on my Journey to *Boston* according to the Request by Dr. *Eliot*, [illegible] of the Convention-Committee. Called at Mr. *Stones*, at Coll. *Buckminsters*, lodged at Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham*.

1773 November 19 (Friday). My Son *Alexander* and his Wife's sister *Ruhamah*, accompanied by Young Mr. *Buckminster* of *Rutland*, who is going to preach at *Charlestown*, came and dined here.

1774 March 30 (Wednesday). I dined at Mr. *Sumners*. Mr. *Buckminster* (the young Gentleman) was there. I persuaded him to preach in my stead, the public Lecture. He performed very agreeably and profitably. His Text 1 *Cor.* 5.8. I returned to Mr. *Gleasons*, and took up my Wife and came home in safety. D.G.

1774 May 28 (Saturday). N.B. In riding home, baited at Coll. *Buckminsters* and had Mr. *Pain* of *Worcester* for Company, to Mr. *Stone's* of Southborough.

1774 June 18 (Saturday). P.M. Coll. *Buckminster* and his wife came this way from *Rutland*.

1774 June 20 (Monday). *John* returns from *Boston* but only from Col. *Buckminsters* this morning.

1775 March 27 (Monday). Mrs. P_____ and I undertake our Journey to *Boston*.... We called at Col. *Buckminsters* and were well refreshed. At Brother *Browns*, at Mrs. *Goddards*, at Capt. *Brewers*. Put up and lodged at Mr. *Adams's* at *Roxbury*.

1775 March 31 (Friday). Sat out from Mr. *Whitneys*. The Horse was so very dull that we did not get home -- but dined at Deacon *Browns*; called at Col. *Buckminsters* and the Evening being Cold, we lodged at Mr. *Stone's*.

1776 September 2 (Monday). Col. *Buckminster* and his Lady here in their Way to *Rutland*.

1776 September 30 (Monday). Called at Coll. *Buckminsters*, and refreshed. Dined at Deacon *Browns*.

¹⁰Edward Jones of Providence int. Henneritta Overing, May 6, 1772; Hopkinton VR, 309.

1776 December 2 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. *Buckminster* of *Rutland*, and lodged here. Tells me tis reported *Ticonderoga* is taken.

1776 December 3 (Tuesday). Mr. *Buckminster* leaves us, for Framingham and Boston.

1777 March 27 (Thursday). I rode to *Southborough* on Mr. Ebenezer Forbushs Horse to See Mr. *Stone* and his Family.... However, Mr. *Wheaten* from *Framingham* was there and preached. Text *Joh. 3.3*. N.B. Col. *Buckminster* accompanied Mr. *Wheaton* and dined with us.

1778 June 29 (Monday). Col. *Buckminster* comes this way in going to *Rutland*.

1778 December 5 (Saturday). Rev. *Buckminster* of *Rutland* hindered by weather from proceeding on his journey home. Stopt and tarrys here with us. Send his horse to Deacon *Wood's*.

1778 December 6 (Sunday). I administer the Lord's Supper: but Mr. *Buckminster* preached a.m. on *Job 5.4*. P.M. on *Mat. 16.26*.

1778 December 7 (Monday). Mr. *Buckminster* went up to the Deacon's to Breakfast, before he left us. I rejoice in God's great Gifts to him. May it be continued!

1779 September 14 (Tuesday). Received a Letter from Mr. *Zebulon Rice* of *Brookfield* concerning Rev. Mr. *Buckminster's* preparing to answer Mr. *Isaac Foster's* ordination Sermon, and consulting an Association at *Sturbridge* thereon.

1779 October 25 (Monday). I began to read Mr. *Buckminster* against Mr. *Isaac Foster*, which was sent me by the author, by means of Mr. *Maccarty*.

1780 February 25 (Friday). Mr. *Buckminster* and his Brother Col. *William* call here. N.B. Mr. *B.* owns to me that he is the Author of the Letter which is advertised to be printed. He tells me also that in his Paraphrase on *Romans 10.4*, p. 13 by "another in his Neighborhood" he means Mr. *Mellen* of *Chauxit*, in his large Book, on Justification.

1780 May 18 (Thursday). My Friend, Col. *Joseph Buckminster* of *Framingham* was buried.

Independent Chronicle, May 25, 1780, vol. 12, p. [3]: Died at Framingham, May 15, 1780, I the 84th year of his age, Col. *Joseph Buckminster*, Esq. He did [*illegible*] in his duty; was a man of authority though of meekness and honesty. He served the town in various capacities, and was their Representative for a great number of years. He was with others an observer of Indian affairs, and in every capacity acted faithfully. He was ever firm and resolute, affable and easy to be spoken with, exemplary in his whole conversation. He was in favour of order and government, and a good friend to his country. He was one of the just whose memory is blessed. He rests from his labours and his works follow him. So may it be every one's lot to live and so to die.

1780 September 12 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter to Mr. Buckminster of Medway by Squire Singleterry of Sutton.